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**From:** Deborah.Easterling  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2013 10:51 AM  
**To:** teknoralphie@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of Protest - Ralph W. Patton

Dear Mr. Patton,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2013-59-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Assistant

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 10:13 AM  
To: PSC\_Contact; [teknoralphie@yahoo.com](mailto:teknoralphie@yahoo.com)  
Subject: Letter of Protest - Ralph W. Patton

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**Protestant Information:**

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**1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I am a residential customer of Duke Energy.

**2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I strongly protest and object to Duke Energy being given a rate increase approval that will effectively amount to a 15-16% increase for residential customers. In 2012 Duke Energy posted a profit of \$594 million on \$6.72 billion of income according to their SEC filings and public statements. Duke Energy states they need a rate increase to invest in their company's infrastructure.

While I understand that the cost of doing business does increase, Duke Energy has done nothing to invest in their company's infrastructure leading to newer, cleaner, and more advanced sources of generating electricity. The opposite is true. Duke continues to use outdated nuclear plants, hydroelectric, and plants which operate on coal and other fossil fuels. Duke Energy is an environmentally "dirty" company and lately their business practices are becoming "dirty" as well. Also, according to public statement and SEC filings, Duke Energy paid the outgoing CEO of their company (after it merged with Progress Energy) a total of \$44 million in compensation and severance pay for 20 minutes of employment as CEO of the merged companies. Now Duke Energy is trying to impose a rate increase on their customers to recoup this money!

The people of South Carolina, myself included, can not afford anymore of Duke Energy's rate increases. If my bill increases 15-16%, This will be an effective increase of almost \$35 per month. I worry that the senior citizens and disabled of our communities will be faced with and forced to choose between paying their electric bill and purchasing food and medications that they need. While \$32 is not a lot of money to Duke Energy, it could be a disaster to someone's budget who is on a fixed income or living paycheck to paycheck.

**3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \***

I do not wish to make an appearance or testify. I want my objection to be noted as a matter of record.

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